TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226

August 6, 1969

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Coq d'Or Press
Route 8
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

In response to your letter of July 31, 1969, we have again reviewed our file and find no copy of the post-mortem authorization mentioned in your letter.

We do have a copy of the death certificate, which is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Kelley

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Assistant Director
Protective Intelligence

IN THE MATTER OF THE INQU TION UPON THE BODY OF

John Fitzgerald Kennedy DECEAS

STATE OF TEXAS — CERTIFICATE OF DEATH — STATE FILE NO. 1

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY: Dallas
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.): Dallas
c. LENGTH OF STAY in Hospital: 2 Hours
d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (If not in hospital, give street address): Parkland Hospital
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES [X] NO [ ]

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission)
a. STATE: District of Columbia
b. COUNTY: 122 Bowdoin St. Boston, Mass.
c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.): Washington
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location): 1600 Penn Ave. N.W.
e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES [X] NO [ ]
f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES [ ] NO [X]

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print): (a) First: John (b) Middle: Fitzgerald (c) Last: Kennedy
4. DATE OF DEATH: November 22, 1963
5. SEX: Male
6. COLOR OR RACE: White
7. Married [X] Never Married [ ] Widowed [ ] Divorced [ ]
8. DATE OF BIRTH: May 29, 1917
9. AGE (In years last birthday): 46 — IF UNDER 1 YEAR: Months, Days; IF UNDER 24 HRS.: Hours, Minutes
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired): President of the U.S.
10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY: U.S. Government
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country): 83 Beals Street Brookline, Mass.
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.A.
13. FATHER'S NAME: Joseph P. Kennedy
14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: Rose Fitzgerald
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown): yes (If yes, give war or dates of service): U.S.N. 12-8-41 3-1-45
16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.: 026-22-3747
17. INFORMANT: Evelyn Lincoln

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) — INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Multiple gunshot wounds
Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last.
DUE TO (b) of the head and neck — Minutes
DUE TO (c)
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I(a)
19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES [X] NO [ ]
20a. ACCIDENT [ ] SUICIDE [ ] HOMICIDE [X]
20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.) Shot by unknown assassin with high powered rifle
20c. TIME OF INJURY: Hour a.m. p.m. Month Day Year
20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK [X] NOT WHILE AT WORK [ ]
20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.): 400 Blk Elm St.-Dallas, Tex
20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION: Dallas — COUNTY: Dallas — STATE: Texas
21. I hereby certify that ~~I attended the deceased from~~ _____, 19__ to _____, 19__ and last saw the deceased alive on November 22 19 63. Death occurred at 1:00 P m. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge from the causes stated. Held Inquest
22a. SIGNATURE: Thomas Ward (Degree or title) J.P.
22b. ADDRESS: 305 N. 5th St. Garland, Texas
22c. DATE SIGNED: 12-6-63
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify): Removal
23b. DATE: Nov. 22, 1963
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY: Arlington National Cemetery
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State): Arlington, Virginia
24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: O'Neal Inc.
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO.
25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR
25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE

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FINDINGS BY THE JUSTICE

I, Thomas Ward, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3 Dallas County, Texas, after viewing the dead body of John Fitzgerald Kennedy and hearing the evidence, find that he came to his death as the result of Two gunshot wounds

(1) Near the center of the body and just above the right shoulder.

(2) One inch to the right center of the back of the head

Witness my hand officially, this the 6th day of December A. D. 19 63

Thomas Ward

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3

Dallas County, Texas.

I, Thomas Ward, a Justice of the Peace, in and for Dallas County, Texas, do hereby certify that said inquest was held before me, on the day mentioned, and the proceedings in said inquest, as described above are correct.

Thomas Ward

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3